

Sunday morning

Bible reading

Acts 11:19-26

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. ²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

For your notes....

Notes for further study can be found on the church website (www.testwoodbaptist.org) under "Downloads".

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If you are a visitor and would like to know more please fill in, tick as appropriate, tear off & place in the offering bags or take to the Welcome Desk.

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4th Feb '18

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church
We want to reach people for Jesus,
and help His followers grow to be like Him.

Welcome to church today! May God bless you as you come here to meet with Him. Please ask at the Welcome Desk, or check the church website, for any information you may require. There are groups for children up to Year 9. Please ask if you are not sure which group your child is in. Tea & coffee will be served after the service. There will also be an opportunity to ask for prayer at the end of the service.

This morning - Gordon Tuck will be speaking at this service to celebrate 10 years since moving back from meeting in the gym at Abbotswood School while this auditorium was being built. (Same preacher but different sermon from the one preached on Feb 3rd '08!) And we're now mortgage free on this building. As Psalm 118 says, "the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes. ... Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." v23 & 29

On one Sunday each term we give out sticky labels as you arrive in church, to help us all learn a few more names. Today is that day!

This evening - At 7pm, Brian Coward will be speaking at our monthly evening communion service. During this service, there will be opportunity to receive prayer for healing.

Next Sunday, Feb 11th - In the 9:30am & 11:15am services Janice Tuck will be speaking on "Shared journey" - Galatians 6:1-10 in our series on *Keeping in step with the Spirit*. At 7pm, will be part 1 of a mini series on *What does Jesus say?* Katrina Elkins will be speaking on "Inside out" - Matthew 15:1-20

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Sunday, Feb 18th – In the 9:30am & 11:15am services Gordon will be concluding our first series on *Keeping in step with the Spirit*. We'll be taking communion together in both services. At 7pm, Matt Huckle will be speaking on part 2 of a mini series on *What does Jesus say?* "All work and no play" Matt 12:1-14

Men's pie and pint at the Testwood pub this evening @8.30pm. All men are welcome.

Passion Re-told – Make a note in your diary... Friday 30th March 2018 at Guildhall Square. Passion Retold is a re-enactment of the Easter story as told by some of the key characters that we find in the biblical account. The story will feature live music from a mixture of backing tracks, a live band and a choir. The performance will be followed by a short talk unpacking how this 2,000 year old story can transform our lives today. 10:30 - Live music from local musicians; 11:30 - Passion Play; 13:00 - Worship music and talk. Maybe you'd like to be involved in this? For more information visit www.passionretold.co.uk/

Worn Again – Sat Feb 17th. This popular event has become part of our annual cycle of events to serve our community. Clothes, household textiles, toys and children's equipment are donated by people from the church & community. They're sorted, displayed and then made available for people to take what they need at only 50p per carrier bag full. People are asked to bring along items they want to contribute on the morning of the event. (Labelling bags with their contents really helps!) Then the doors are opened from 1-3pm, with coffees & teas served throughout that time. If you can help, please add your name to the sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk. And please start sorting out what you can bring! And make a point of coming along to find things you need, too!

Epic Explorers - For 5 Sunday morning services from the 25th February the whole church will be looking at the gospel of Mark to try and take in the amazing impact of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. This is a great opportunity to explore God's word together as a church family, and each service will start from a different location on Adventure Island as we map out God's rescue plan for the world. If you have infant aged children, why not consider buying the Epic Explorers Scratch Pad to back up the series at bedtime, or the Epic Explorers Log Book for juniors. Both are around £2.50 on Amazon or from the Good Book Company.

Church Suite - Church Suite complies with the new standards for holding information, and helps us with safeguarding. If you haven't yet registered your children on Church Suite, please pick up an information sheet from reception, or ask a deacon for help. If you have any concerns, Jim would love to chat them through.

Prayer request - Please pray for Dave Parry & team as they take services on Tuesday 6th February at The Laurels Nursing Home and Oak Tree Care Home, and on Thursday 8th February at Springdale Court.

Young at Heart will meet here at the Church on Monday 5th February at 2pm. Chris Davis will be speaking about S.C.R.A.T.C.H. (Southampton City and Region Action to Combat Hardship). All over 50's are welcome!

Commitment Course – If you're a committed Christian, and would like to find out about what it means to be a member of TBC, this course aims to answer some of your questions. There are three sessions altogether where we look at different aspects of church life. The next course begins on Sunday 18th February at 4.30pm. If you'd like to find out more, sign up at the welcome desk or through ChurchSuite. More info from Katrina.

Jars & Corks - Thank you to everyone who did bring in jars and corks towards jelly tots craft we had the perfect number in the end so all contributions were much appreciated. An extra special thank you to those who went above and beyond doing such a grand job of removing labels from jars.

Mums of Little Ones - We will be meeting again on 8th February 7.30-9.30 in the Hub for another relaxed evening looking at some Bible passages and a DVD clip from Care for the Family based around the topic of self-value and identity. Whether you have come along before or not we'd love for you to join us, different perspectives are always welcome and help with cake eating is also very valuable :-)

Live Life 2018 – This conference for women takes place on the 2nd - 3rd March at the Millbrook Christian Centre. For more details, including how to book your place, speak to Hev Brider.

Car parking - Just a reminder to those who attend TBC regularly to leave as many spaces as possible for visitors and for those who are disabled or have difficulty walking. If this isn't you, please park on Calmore Industrial Estate where there's loads of room!

Pastoral Support - If anyone has any pastoral needs then please speak to your Small Group leader in the first instance or telephone 023 8086 0320 or 07555 984530 to speak to one of the Pastoral Team.

Items for Newsletter and Welcome PowerPoint - Can be emailed to notices@testwoodbaptist.org or katrina@testwoodbaptist.org by midday on Thursday. Please put the word 'newsletter' in the subject line.

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